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#### **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of July 8, 2003, consider the following remarks.

# 35 USC §102(a) rejection:

The Office Action has rejected claims 1 - 20 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by figures 1 and 2 of Hupp et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,092,687, . Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Figure 1 of the reference illustrates a container comprising a lid and a body, a reclosable fastener having a first end and a second end and comprising a portion of the lid and a portion of the body in combination. Applicants submit that the reclosable fastener comprising a portion of the lid and